(Full Report on Page Two.)

The Washington Times

HINTED IN BIG POWDER BLAST

Canadian Car and Foundry Co. Says That Careful Examination Points to Firebug.

MISS MANY FROM HASKELL

Enormous Damage Done by Second Big Explosion in Two Days-Search for Dead.

States and lit the midnight sky with a glare that was visible as far away less powder at the du Pont munitions plant blew up, terrorized the countryfiercely until early this morning.

Two Are Missing.

Two missing and several injured was the only available report from the million-dollar explosion at Haskell early today.

This explosion came on the heels of the \$12,000,000 blow-up of the Russian shell plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company at Kingsland, N. J., Thursday, when hundreds of men, wo-ment and children fled into the night to escape the bombardment of exploding shrapnel cases.

Company Suggests Incendiarism

In a statement issued at the offices of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, 120 Broadway, where the first explosion occurred, it was said: "An examination into the circum

diary origin." These two explosions are as yet un-

explained as the less recent blow-up of hundreds of thousands of shells in the Black Tom disaster at Communipaw, N. J., in which four persons were killed, 120 injured and \$20,000,-000 damage done. .

Reports of a heavy loss of life as a have found the door unlocked at 7 result of the explosion at Haskell a. m. yesterday and entered, but did were circulated today in New Jersey not notice that the woman was dead.

killed. He announced his estimate (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

SEE O. K. FOR TEACHER BILL

The Senate District Committee is expected to make a favorable report on the Pomerene bill for the retire-

The subcommittee that conducted the hearing seemed favorably impressed with the purposes of the bill and it is expected to make a favorable report to the main committee Probabilities are the main committee will largely be guided by the subcommittee of which Senator Hollis is the

The District Committee will not meet until next Friday. That is the H. Simon, who lives there earliest time it can get the report of the subcommittee and it may not be ready by that date.

Geo. C. Caner Quits arvard for War

Colket Caner, of 1707 Walnut street, tablishment of Joseph Egdal, on the member of a socially pominent family of this city and captain of the five-month's-old baby were taken from one apartment, and Mrs. Marie day that he is to leave college next month and after a few days spent at his home will leave for France, where he is to drive a nambulance for the American ambulance field service.

Caner completes all courses neces sary for his degree at the coming mid-year examinations. he resigned the captaincy of the Har vard tennis team yesterday afternoon Caner, with twenty-five other Harvard ruary 17 bound for France.

Caper is one the best tennis players in the country. Last fall he won the intercollegiate title in singles, and with Richard Harte, also this city, carried off the dubles championship

PLANS COSTLY APARTMENT

\$500,000 Building in Prospect for Atlantic City.

age on the Boardwalk between Brigh- fered was disappointed love. When store before opening it.

HOUSE EMPOWERS COMMITTEE. TO FORCE LAWSON TO ANSWER

Investigators Clothed With Inquisitorial Powers In Preliminary Inquiry On Charges of "Peace Leak."

The strong arm of the House of Representatives reached out today after Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston financier, who will be met on Monday with a demand that he answer all questions asked by the Rules Committee when it resumes its investigation into the alleged "leak" scandal.

The House by unanimous vote clothed the Rules Committee with broad inquisitorial powers, and, designating Thomas W. Lawson by name, stipulated that the investigating committee spe ciffically direct Lawson to answer ques tions. A general reopening of the "leak" nquiry is also authorized.

This action was taken when the Rules Committee reported two resolutions for a continuation of the inquiry on the Wood resolutions, the House having rejected yesterday a recom-mendation of the committee to stop the investigation.

House Resolution.
The resolution adopted by

House reads: Resolved, That in the performance of the duties imposed upon it by reference to it of House resolution 420, the Committee on Rules

Weldon H. Wells to Be Brought

to Columbus, Charged With

Killing Mira Simon.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 13 .- Weldon

Village Choir Girl.

"She got a job as a hotel telephone

operator and at first she would come home from work early evenings.

Wanted To Go Home.

she wished she were back home with

her parents in Philipi, W. Va., and

"She used to pray and read the

The girl's body was prepared for

shipment to Grafton, W. Ya., today,

on the order of her brother, Charles

SIX IN DANGER FROM SMOKE

Nearly Overcome When Fumes Fill

Burning Building.

Six persons were nearly overcome

fire broke out in the paperhanging es-

Pelton, her four-year-old son, Charles

A colored man passing along Elev-

Firemen from Engine Company No.

The fire was confined to the store

72 YEARS ABED: LOVE SICK

Really III Only Two Days, She

Dies at 94.

died at Scarborough this week, aged

a young girl might envy.
The complaint from which she suf-

where it did about \$500 damage.

the six occupants down the smoke

ground floor, this morning.

from the other.

she left me."

"Often she would cry and tell me

geant Peter Albanese.

of Mona Simon.

had lived for three years.

shall have the power to send for persons and papers and to adminis-ter oaths, and to employ such ste-nographic and clerical assistance as may be necessary. The expenses in-curred hereunder shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives on vouchers ordered by salu committee sign proved by the Committee on Ac counts, evidenced by the signature of the chairman thereof.

Resolved. That in the consideration of House resolutions numbered 420 and 429, committed to the Comand it is hereby authorized and empowered to require witnesses to answer all questions propounded by said committee or any member thereof, touching the subject-matter of said resolutions, and to require any witness called before it to testify fully as to any information in his possession, whether in the nature of hearsay testimony or otherwise, relevant to the matters set forth in said resolutions, and said committee is specifically directed to require one Thomas W. Lawson to

MRS. THAW TO FIGHT FOR SON'S FREEDOM **MUST STAND TRIAL**

Millionaire May Be Sent to Pennsylvania Sanatorium to Save Him.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13.-Harry K. Thaw may be sent to a Pennsylvania sanatorium by his family in an effort to prevent his removal to New York to face the charge that he flog-

An affidavit charging Wells with first degree murder was filed today vigorous fight to keep the slayer of Stanford White outside the jurisdic-Police believe the woman was killtion of New York is admitted by reped last Thursday night. Had a maid employed at the hotel resentatives of the Thaw family in

the case earlier. The maid is said to Henry J. Scott, who has been retained to represent Oliver A. Brower. arrested here with the "Dear Master" letters on his person, would neither admit nor deny that the Thaw family A little village choir girl, who was vas prepared to make a strong legal battle for the erratic Pittsburgher. path to her death, is the life story But he did say that the courts of Pennsylvania "might want to know "She was a good girl when she rst came here," said Mrs. D. M. whether Thaw's efforts to kill him first came here," said Mrs. D. M. Hubbard today, with whom the girl self were not an evidence of in-

Mr. Scott made this statement after he had attended a conference of rep resentatives of the Thaw interests. At this conference were Dr. Walter Riddell, an old friend of the Thaws; Frank Johnston, a New York lawyer, who came here with Doctor Riddell, and Val O'Farrell, of the detective which has acted for the

Thaw family were planing on the course that srould be followed with the knowledge that every step they would take would be backed by Mrs. Mary Copely Thaw, the mother of (Continued on Fifth Page.

RESCUE SHIP AGROUND

Cruiser Milwaukee.

by smoke which filled the second floor States cruiser Milwaukee, which has of 307 Eleventh street northwest when been engaged here in an effort to pull the submarine H-3 off the sand bar on which she drifted recently were Michael Caetto, his wife, and their aground early today in a dense fog

and her sister, Mist Alice Newman, of breakers near Samon. The life saying crew was rushed to the scene preenth street saw the flames in the store and hammered on the side door until pared to take off the Milwaukee's crew he aroused the two familles on the should her position prove dangerous.

STEALS CASH REGISTER

Brawny Burglar Also Supplies Himself With Cigarettes.

broke into the grocery store of Harry A. Easterson, 88 N street southwest last night, and, after providing himself with a goodly supply of cigarettes, walked out with the cash LONDON, Jan. 13 .- A woman has register.

When the grocer arrived at the ninety-four, who has spent the last store this morning he found the glass seventy-two years of her life in bed. in the front door shattered and the precinct later found the register in a rear yard near the grocery.

It is believed the thief thought it safer to take the register from the

FRESH EFFORT TOWARD PEACE IS UNDER WAY

President Begins Groundwork for Further Mediation, Is Report.

MAY USE SECRET CHANNELS

Submarine Issue Again Looms as Incentive to Move by United States.

The next move of the United States toward continuing peace negotiations s in the process of formation today. After a conference with his Cabinet vesterday, at which the entente reply to his first overture was discussed in detail, and after a long talk with Colonel House, his confidential adviser. President Wilson has begun laying the groundwork for further mediatory negotiations, it is reliably

reported today.

These, it is understood, must necessarily be highly confidential for a time. Those immediately in the President's councils say the time for open comnunication which must of necessity nclude much hombast for "home consumption" and to win the sympathy of neutrals, has passed. If any headway is to be made now it must be developed through secret channels,

First Cue From Chanceller. It is deemed likely by some that the President will be given his first cue-if he does not already possess confidential advices from Ambausador Gerard-by Von Bethmann Holl-weg in an address before the Reichstag on the entente terms.

What the President is looking for is some common ground on which the entente demands and Teuton concessions square sufficiently to give him a basis for effectual work. In the meantime, the submarine bogey again looms as a prod to Amer-ican efforts for peace. Reports from abroad, confirmed to a large extent in German circles here, indicate that if there is no peace now Germany will push her warfare on a larger and more relentless scale.

Ambassador von Bernstorff has given sentinels" at the Executive Mansion issurance that there will be no furthers this afternoon were enabled to bretie violations of the "principles" which the ennui of the occasion.

The peanut idea was that of Mise

But the question of armed merchant men is still on the list of unsettled questions between the United States and the central powers, and Germany only recently reiterated her stand that an

armed merchantman is a warship. The danger lies in Germany's sinking, without warning, such a vessel, lespite the American contention that a nerchantman may arm for defense sithout changing her peaceful status. German officials here have said there robably will continue to be technical juestions between the two governments

n the matter of armed merchantmen President Wilson, however, has plainly ndicated that he will not be as is heretofore when belligerents quibble on technicalities.

DANES ARE OPTIMISTIC

Diplomats in Copenhagen Think COPENHAGEN, Jan. 13 .- In spite of

he character of belligerents' notes. here is belief in Danish diplomatic ircles that peace is nearer.

The popular sentiment in Denmark. too, appears to have changed since the deptember. Then the Danes were willing to fight at the drop of a hat. They are stil strongly anti-German, but forces with the entente has now

Minister Maurice Francis Egan, lean of the diplomatic colony here, and for years a confident of opposing rroups in Denmark, sails on February for Washington on a two-month acation. As a result of his observations he may be able to impart to resident Wilson some valuable in ormation as a further means for proecting peace discussions, although lefinite negotiations now seem imossible until the spring offensives.

SEE LITTLE PEACE HOPE German Editors Believe Allies Have

Blocked Chance. AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13 .- German editorial comment today was prac-tically unanimous in the belief that

the allies' note has blocked all chance for peace at present. "The entente's note establishes that this is a war of conquest on their part

declared an editorial in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. "Now, as heretofore, our enemies will strive for the destruction of Germany as a great power," asserted the

-it destroys our last desire

The Tageblatt characterized the demands made by, "a madly frantic en-tente" as having "blocked every path leading to peace."
"War by notes is thus exhausted for the present," declared the Taeglische

THINK PEACE BLOCKED. STOCKHOLM, Jan. 13 .- Scandinavian newspaper comment general-

ly agreed today that the allies' reply to President Wilson blocks peace for The newspaper Tidningen, however,

KAISER DECLARES THE ALLIES HAVE CLOSED DOOR TO PEACE

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13 .- The allies' purpose to crush Germany and enslave Europe is now made clear; but as they have failed in thirty months of bloody war and "unscrupulous economic" fighting to accomplish subjugation of the central powers, so will their future efforts fail.

Kaiser Wilhelm thus summed up his belief of the entente powers' position in a "proclamation to the German people," issued today, which was as follows:

Our enemies have dropped the mask. After refusing with scorn and hypocritical words of love for peace and humanity, they now, in replying to the United States, have gone beyond that and admitted their last lust of conquest, the baseness of which is enhanced by calumnious assertions.

Their aim is the crushing of Germany; dismemberment of the central powers, and enslavement of the freedom of Europe and the seas under the same yoke that Greece, with gnashing teeth, is now enduring.

But what in thirty months of bloodiest fighting and unscrupulous economic war they could not achieve, they will also fail to accomplish in the future.

Our glorious victories and the iron strength of will with which our fighters at the front and at home have borne all hardships and distress is a guarantee for the future that our beloved Fatherland has nothing to fear.

Burning indignation and holy wrath will redouble the strength of every German, man or woman, whether devoted to fighting, to work, or to suffering. We are ready for all sacrifices. The God who planted this glorious spirit of freedom in our brave peoples' hearts will also give us and our noble allies, tested in battle, full victory over all the enemy's lust for power and rage for destruction.

"SUFF" SENTINELS FEED SQUIRRELS ASKED FOR DISTRICT

White House Watchers Also Escape Ennui by Runing on Hot Bricks.

Between feeding peanuts to the White House squirrels and "hot-footplaced on hoards, the twelve "silent Congressman William J. Cary, of Wissentinels" at the Executive Mansion consin. a ranking Republican me

The peanut idea was that of Miss Mildred Gilbert, the California suffragist, who not only wanted to do a good turn to the little animals scampering about the White House grounds, but who wanted something to dis-tract her attention from the cold winds and the 32-degree temperature

Adopted By Others.

The idea soon was adopted by other of the sentinels, and piled up at the base of the picket fence surrounding the grounds are enough bags of the Zoo for the next six months. As wanted food for the squirrels, it seemed that every passer-by was willing to provide it in the shape of Virginia and Carolina peanuts. The demands on the doughnut and

hot coffee division of the Congressional Union across the street in La fayette square, were not so great to chauffeurs were given a breathing spell because of the slight rise in the temperature.

Camera Men Triumph

A meeting of the President and the tion picture camera men for the first time today.

White House guards, acting on orders given by someone whose name was not given, had succeded in keeping the camera men away from the gates until after the President had passed through.

Today, however, the vigilance was

more lax, and many feet of the White House car passing through the ranks of the pickets, of the Presidential smile, and the grins of the sentinels,

INCREASE IN LONG HOURS

More Railroad Employes Exceed Consecutive Time Limit. An increase of more than 25 per

ent in the number of instances in which employes in railway train servce worked longer than sixteen conyear over the preceding year, was re-ported by the Interstate Commerce

Commission today. -During the year 73,731 railway employes were on duty longer than sixteen consecutive hours, against 59,894 last year, and 131,000 in 1914. The principal causes of the excess duty derailment and nfiscellaneous ar defects.

COLD WEATHER COMING

Weather Bureau Predicts Low Tem peratures Next Week.

If you're shivering now, you'll shiver more next week, according to the Weather Bureau.

A brief respite from the present cold wave that is gripping the country from coast to coast is promised for the middle of next week. After that, however, it will be colder than ever-or at least that's what the Weather Eureau said today.

Atlantic Coast Line, the Standard Railroad of the South. 4 trains daily. 1408 New York ave, nw.

ADVISORY DRY VOTE

Step Regarded as Move to Defeat Sheppard Bill Taken by

What is regarded as the first step in the House against the Sheppard ber of the House District Committee introduced a resolution for an "advisory referendum by the people of

introduction at this time is under-stood to have a direct bearing on the approaching wet and dry fight.
The Commissioners are given general charge of the proposed referen-dum and an election machinery is provided. Under the Cary bill women

The principal provisions of the bill. aside from the technical sections relating to ballots and administrative features of the law, are:

"That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall submit the following questions to an advisory vote of the people residing in said District, namely: "Do you recommend that Congress

the initiative and referendum? Do you favor an elective nonpartisan commission form of city govern-ment similar to that of Des Moines,

Dou you favor public ownersship of street railways in the District of Columbia? Do you favor public ownership of all public utilities in the District of

Columbia?

Referendum Date Fixed.

within ten days after the approval of this act by the Presidentj said commissioners shall fix and announce to the people of the District the date on secutive hours—the limit provided by which the referendum vote shall be Federal law—during the last fiscal held: Provided, That such date shall not be less than sixty days nor more than seventy-five days after the approval of this act.

The third section says that all citibia for at least one year prior to the disqualified from voting in said referendum by erason of having voted in one of the States of the Union or by reason of claiming a voting residence therein,

HUNT CHILD LOST IN SNOW. BEACH, N. D., Jan. 13 .- Almost every man in Beach spent last night

When the child left the bus which had brought her to her home from school the forty-mile-an-hour gale blew the lid from her dinner pail. She ran after it, and in a moment she

CLERKS' RAISE TURNED, DOWN IN COMMITTEE

Pay Increase Defeated by Democrats of Senate Subcommittee.

BASED ON ECONOMY BILL

Blow to Thousands in Capital. Little Hope on Senate Floor.

The Senate subcommittee in charge of the legislative bill today turned down the movement for increased pay for Government clerks and employes. By a party vote with the Democrats voting against an increase and the Republicans voting for it. the

subcommittee acted.
Senators Overman, Bryan, and Robinson voted against allowing the em-ployes higher pay. Senators Smoot and Oliver voted in favor of an in-

Senator Smoot reserved the right to offer an amendment on the floor. He will present an amendment which provides either for the scale of increase allowed by the House or for some substantial addition to the pay of the lower paid employes.

To Report Monday.

The subcommittee completed work on the bill about noon. It will make its report to the main committee Monday. All indications are that the Appropriations Committee will stand by the subcommittee.

The subcommittee not only refused to allow the 10 and 5 per cent in-creases made in the House, but it

also refused a compromise under which something would be done for the most poorly paid cierks and em-With a big deficit staring the Ad-

with a big deficit staring the Ad-ministration in the face, the sub-committee slashed the bill right and left and allowed no increases of pay whatever save in the case of two em-ployes in the Sensus Office.

Blow To Thousands, The action of the subcommittee will be a great blow to the thousands of Government cierks and employes in Washington and throughout the country. While a fight will be made on the floor of the Senate to get increases allowed, the Senate Democrata, with, few exceptions, have bound themselves in caucus to stand by any action in the direction of economy which the Appropriations

Committee takes. This makes it improbable that the action in subcommittee today can be reversed, although strenuous efforts will be made by the officials of the Federal Empliyes' Union to must go get higher pay granted.

Not only is the action of the subommittee on the legislative bill important because of the large number of employes whose salaries are covered by that bill, but because it has been generally understood that unless increases were allowed on the legislative bill, they would not be alless increases lowed on other appropriation bills

which provide for employes' salaries. The District of Columbia bill is ne of these appropriations measures overed by the legislative bill it is mprobable that the District of Columbia employes will be granted more pay. The same applies to the em probably to the postoffice bill and

GERARD'ADMITS SPEECH

Press Version of Banquet Address Correct, Envoy Wires.

The wireless report that Ambuseador Gerard had said at a recent banquet that relations between Germany and America were never better since the war started than at present, is substantially correct, according to word from Gerard to the State De-

partment today. The State Department declined to reveal exactly what Gerard had said further than to admit that "the press had quoted him substantially

rectly. A statement on the whole situation will probably be forthcoming later. though not today.

The department said its inquiry of Gerard was based upon a customary procedure in cases of where criticism had been or might be made over diplomat's remarks.

ADMITS KLILING FATHER

Third Trial Brings Out Confession of Crime.

CAMILLA, Ga., Jan. 13 .- Cuthbert Adams, who several years ago shot and killed his father, Judge J. T. Adams, because the latter reproved him for shooting a dog, pleaded guilty to voluntary mansiaughter today at his third trial.

He was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary. The first trial resulted in a mistrial and on the second the boy was sent to the State insane asylum. Experts there recently pronounced him sane.

PORTRAIT PURCHASED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.-Michael Friedsam today bought the portrait of Senor Miosa, by Dyck, from the Kleinberger Galleries, for his private collection. The picture is of the same period as the portraits of Sny der, the artist, and his wife, now in the collection of Henry C. Frick. It was brought to this country by King

INCENDIARISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 .- With the town of Haskell laid in ruins today from the second giant Jersey munitions plant explosion within fortyeight hours, Passaic County Prosecutor Michael Dunn prepared to lead New Jersey officials in a thorough investigation to determine whether there was an organized plot behind

the two disasters.

With an explosion that shook four as Albany, 400,000 pounds of smoke side and Started a fire that blazed

stances attending the origin of the fire in building No. 30 has created the impression that it is possible, if not probable, that the fire was of incen-

Reports of Loss of Life.

A sergeant of the Pompton Lakes declared twenty-seven were attracted by the big city's bright

Senate District Commistee Expected to Report Favorably.

ment of school teachers of the Dis-trict, following the hearing yesterthe church choir. Bible occasionally, but a change came. She fell into bad company, Things went from bad to worse and

TO JOIN U. S. AMBULANCE

Service. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.-George

upper floor. 2, the first to reach the scene, brought filled stairway. None of them were

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 13 .- The execution of a mortgage loan of \$500,000 by Simon W. Strause, a broker, of seventy-two years of her life in hed. in the front door shattered and the New York, to John Stafford, a builder. In all that time she had been ill only register gone. Police of the Fourth of Philadelphia, through a title com- for the two days that preceded her pany here today was believed to con-death. Her appetite had been good firm reports that Stafford would erect and she posessed a complexion which the largest apartment houses in the Eastern States with a front

On avenue and Stenton place, Chelsea. she was twenty-one she contracted an tents, \$10, was gone.

The site, 125 by 250 feet, was reengagement of which her father did Snowden Keys rep claimed from the sea by jetties, and is not approve. She thereupen vent to valued at \$200,000. The building with bed and left it on only one occasion, from one of the tables at his pool its equipment and furnishings, it is to travel from Cambridge to Scarborough.

name any member of Congress or (Continued on Tenth Page.) MURDER SUSPECT

H. Wells, twenty-five, of Kansas City, arrested at Huntingdon, Ind., early today in connection with the murder of Mona Simon at a fashionable hotel here Thursday night, will be brought ged nineteen-year-old Frederick back to Columbus by Detective Ser-Gump, jr., of Kansas City. That the Thaw family will make

showed a little more curiosity the police say they would have been on Question of Sanity.

the friends with whom she sang in Thaws... Thaw In Stuper. While the representatives of the

> Life Savers Rush to Assistance of EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 13.-The United

near the scene of the H-3 disaster. At 8 o'clock this morning life savers reported that she was in the first line

A thief with brawn and muscle

the present. sees some hope of compromise. The Dagensnyheter declares it is "Germany's duty now to publish her

D. C. Committeeman. ing it" on the oven-warmed bricks prohibition bill was taken today when

> the District of Columbia. The Cary bill provides for a refer-endum on a number of subjects, but

would be entitled to vote on the Contains Many Provisions

day, and the auffragist chafing dish grant to the District of Columbia model charter establishing the right

of suffrage in said District, with mu-nicipal self-government in all local Do you desire that the District shall be represented in Congress by a Deleentinels was "caught" by the mo- gate? Do you favor Government own ership of telephone communication in the District of Columbia? Do yo favor prohibition of the liquor traffic in the District of Columbia? Do you

favor equal suffrage for men and women in the District? Do you favor

The second section provides: That

59.594 zens of the United States twenty-one The years of age and over, without re-duty gard to sex, who have been actual residents of the District of Instances of excess duty for rall-road telegraphers, in excess of nine consecutive hours totaled 15,967, against 11,510 last year.

> aiding in a search of the blizzardswept prairies for seven-year-old Philomone Kusil, who is lost in the

> was lost in the blinding, swirling